As the matter is subjudice, no further action could be taken by the Government.

Scheme to connect Ernakulam and Vypeen Islands

1987. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a revised scheme from the Government of Kerala reducing the area to the reclaimed to 25 hectares and building bridges connecting Ernakulam and Vypeen Islands; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The revised scheme submitted by Government of Kerala envisages construction of three bridges and reclamation of 25 hectares of land to be used for construction of roads and for commercial purposes. Ministry of Enviornment and Forests have informed Government of Kerala that they do not have any objection to construction of bridges subject to the condition that reclaimed land will not be used for any commercial purposes.

Air and water pollution caused by fertilizer plants

1988. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the fertilizer plants causing water and air pollution in the country;

(b) if so, the action initiated by Government against these fertilizer plants; and

(c) the specific steps proposed to be taken by Government to stop water and air pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Out of a total of 110 fertiliser plants set up before 31st December, 1991, 6 units are not having adequate pollution control facilities. The fertiliser plants established after 1st January, 1992 are provided with necessary pollution control systems.

(b) and (c) Out of the 6 defaulting units, the matter is subjudice in respect of 2 units and others have been issued Notices under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for providing a time bound programme for installing the pollution control facilities. One of the defaulting units has claimed to have installed requisite pollution control equipment recently which is under verification by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

Proposal for the Clearance of ONG Dam Project

1989. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa has submitted the proposal for clearance in respect of Ong Dam Project at Pujhanpali, District Bargarh;

(b) whether clearance was accorded to the proposal in respect of Chiroli; and

(c) if so, the detials thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) to (c) Government of Orissa had submitted a proposal in May, 1988 for diversion of 237.90 hactare of forest land for construction of Ong Dam Irrigation Project in Sambalpur District. The proposal was examined by the Ministry under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Government of Orissa was asked to furnish certain additional information vide letter dated 2.12.1988. Site inspection of the area involved was also carried out by Regional Office, Bhubaneshwar. However, formal decision under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 are held up because of the fact that the proposal has been rejected from environmental angle due to non-submission of Environment Impact Assessment and Environment Management Plan reports. No formal proposal regarding Chiroli Project has been received for permission under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.